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RW MESSAGE NO. 1

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM UR US
SUBJECT: US-USSR ARMS CONTROL WORKING GROUP ON
RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS AND NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

1. ON JANUARY 10, AFTER THE FIRST PLENARY MEETING OF THE SEVENTH ROUND OF US-USSR CHEMICAL WEAPONS NEGOTIATIONS, A SOVIET DELOFF (KOSTENKO) ASKED US DELOFF (MIKULAK) WHEN BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PROHIBITION OF RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS (RW) COULD BE RESUMED. KOSTENKO INDICATED THAT THE SOVIET RW EXPERTS WOULD BE ARRIVING IN GENEVA IN ABOUT A WEEK.

2. MIKULAK GAVE A NON-COMMITTAL RESPONSE AND OBSERVED THAT AT THE LAST ROUND THE SOVIET PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE ER/RB WEAPONS IN THE RW PROHIBITION HAD BEEN THE OBSTACLE TO FURTHER PROGRESS.

3. KOSTENKO OBSERVED THAT BOTH SIDES COULD NOW AGREE THAT THE "NEUTRON BOMB" WOULD NOT BE COVERED BY AN
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RW AGREEMENT. HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT INSTEAD BREZHNEV WANTED TO HAVE A SEPARATE SERIES OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE "NEUTRON BOMB."

4. THERE HAVE BEEN NO OTHER COMMENTS BY THE SOVIET CW DELEGATION CONCERNING THE RW NEGOTIATIONS. WE DO NOT PLAN ANY FOLLOW-UP ON KOSTENKO'S COMMENTS. RATHER,

WE WILL WAIT FOR THE SOVIETS TO RAISE THE SUBJECT.
VANDEN HEUVEL

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